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TAGS:PPDC, PGOV, JA

SUBJECT:FUKUDA LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM  
PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA TO PRESIDENT CARTER DATED JULY 29  
SENT BY DIRECT LINE TO WHITE HOUSE. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESI-  
DENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORDS OF CONGRATULATIONS ON  
THE RECENT UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS.

YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE TOKAI RE-  
PROCESSING FACILITY IS REASSURING. I AM EAGER TO JOIN YOU  
IN OUR COMMON EFFORTS OF FINDING A SOLUTION WHICH WOULD  
ACCOMMODATE THE BASIC POSITIONS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I ALSO  
HOPE THAT, IN FORMULATING A U.S. POSITION FOR THE NEXT  
ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE FINDINGS OF THE  
RECENT JOINT STUDY, YOU WOULD TAKE INTO FULL CONSIDERATION  
THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO JAPAN OF INITIATING THE  
OPERATION OF THE FACILITY IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. ON MY  
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PART, I ASSURE YOU THAT THE JAPANESE SIDE WILL MAKE EVERY  
EFFORT TO MEET WITH YOUR NON-PROLIFERATION CONCERN.

MR. PRESIDENT, I SHALL BE VISITING THE FIVE MEMBER COUNTRIES  
OF ASEAN AND BURMA FROM NEXT WEEK-END ON. THE POST-VIETNAM  
SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA DOES NOT YET WARRANT OPTIMISM.

HOWEVER, THERE ARE EFFORTS ON THE PART OF ASEAN COUNTRIES FOR STRENGTHENING THEIR NATIONAL AND REGIONAL RESILIENCE AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENCOURAGE SUCH EFFORTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF INDOCHINA ARE REGARDED AS A POTENTIALLY DESTABILIZING FACTOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT THESE COUNTRIES WOULD NOT BECOME A REAL THREAT IN THE FUTURE. THROUGH MY VISIT, I WISH TO CONTRIBUTE, WITH THIS RECOGNITION IN MIND, TO INSURING PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN THIS REGION. BEING COGNIZANT OF YOUR STATED POSITION THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD REMAIN AN ASIAN AND PACIFIC POWER, ANY COMMENT OR ADVICE YOU MAY HAVE CONCERNING MY VISIT WOULD BE MOST WELCOMED. SINCERELY, TAKEO FUKUDA. UNQUOTE.

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